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1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED QUESTIONS POSED BY REFTTEL (B), PARA 3,
ON 13 JANUARY 1977 WITH ROKG MOFA CHIEF OF INFORMATION DIVISION
II (NORTH KOREA) KIM CHAE-YONG WHO HAS PROVED RELIABLE IN PAST.
KIM SAID THAT ROKG HAD NO WAY OF KNOWING WHO THESE "SOUTH KOREANS"
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MIGHT BE, EXCEPT THAT THEY CERTAINLY COULD NOT BE ANYONE CURRENTLY
RESIDING HERE. HE ASSUMED THAT THEY WERE EITHER NORTH KOREANS
POSING AS SOUTH KOREANS, OR PERHAPS KOREAN RESIDENTS OF JAPAN.
HE PROMISED TO LOOK INTO THIS FURTHER AND INFORM US OF ANY FACTS
HE COULD TURN UP, THOUGH HE CAUTIONED AGAINST EXPECTING MUCH.

2. KIM NOTED THAT THIS WAS THE FIFTH SUCH "INTERNATIONAL SOLIDAR-

ITY CONFERENCE" TO BE HELD SINCE OCTOBER, WHEN THE DPRK EMERGED FROM THE RELATIVE ISOLATION IT MAINTAINED IN THE WAKE OF ITS SETBACKS AT COLOMBO, PANMUNJOM, AND UNGA. THE CONFERENCES APPEAR TO BE FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADOPTING PRO-DPRK RESOLUTIONS IN ORDER TO CREATE THE ILLUSION OF GREAT INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT, SAID KIM. THE FIVE CONFERENCES WERE: 1) MONGOLIA (18 OCTOBER), "ASIAN PEACE CONFERENCE"; 2) INDIA (LATE OCTOBER), "9TH CONFERENCE OF THE INDIAN WOMEN'S LEAGUE"; 3) CZECHOSLOVAKIA (25 NOVEMBER), "POLITICAL-ECONOMIC SEMINAR OF THE CHRISTIAN PEACE COUNCIL"; 4) PORTUGAL (26 NOVEMBER), "BUREAU MEETING FOR INTERNATIONAL DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE"; 5) BULGARIA (8-10 DECEMBER), "WFTU SOLIDARITY CONFERENCE ON KOREAN UNIFICATION." EACH CONFERENCE ADOPTED A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE PRO-DPRK UNGA RESOLUTION PASSED IN 1975. EMBOFF ASKED IF KIM INADVERTENTLY HAD OMITTED THE "INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF JURISTS" CONFERENCE HELD RECENTLY IN BELGIUM. KIM SAID HE ONLY WAS INCLUDING THOSE CONFERENCES WHICH APPEARED TO BE CONVENED SOLELY TO EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR THE 1975 PRO-DPRK UNGA RESOLUTION, AND HE DID NOT BELIEVE THAT THE BELGIAN CONFERENCE HAD ADDRESSED ITSELF TO THAT MATTER.

3. AS FOR PRO-DPRK FRONT ORGANIZATIONS, KIM SAID THAT IN 1976, 152 FRONT ORGANIZATIONS OPERATING IN 60 COUNTRIES ENGAGED IN PRO-DPRK ACTIVITIES ON 267 OCCASIONS. HE DID NOT KNOW TO WHAT EXTENT THESE GROUPS--OR THE INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY CONFERENCES--WERE FUNDED BY NORTH KOREA.

4. KIM BELIEVES THAT THE DPRK WILL STEP UP ITS DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITIES IN 1977. FOR EXAMPLE, DPRK FOREIGN MINISTER HO TAM RECENTLY VISITED TOGO, AND TRIED TO WRANGLE AN INVITATION FROM PRESIDENT

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SENGHOR IN SENEGAL, BUT THE SENEGALESE WERE UNINTERESTED, AND ON 11 JANUARY, DPRK DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER CHUNG CHUN-KI LEFT FOR THE SUDAN. KIM SEES THESE TRIPS, THE RECENT VISITS TO PYONGYANG BY THE TANZANIAN VICE PRESIDENT AND YAR PRESIDENT, AND THE SOLIDARITY CONFERENCES, ALL AS PART OF THE SAME EFFORT AIMED AT BUILDING DIPLOMATIC SUPPORT FOR THE DPRK, POSSIBLY IN ANTICIPATION OF A RENEWED EFFORT AT THE 1977 UNGA SESSION.

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